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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of a U.S. national stage application of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00674, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the "Related Applications" section on page 1, immediately after the title, with the following section:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national filing of PCT application No. PCT/IL99/00674, filed December 9, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT application No. PCT/IL99/000284, now U.S. application No. 09/701,531, PCT application No. PCT/IL99/00285, now U.S. application No. 09/701,523, and PCT application No. PCT/IL99/00670 all of which designate the U.S. the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly delete the present claims 21-42 and replace the present claims 17 and 20 with the following claims in clean form:

17. (amended) A cannula having mounted thereon a hole closure device according to claim 1.

20. (amended) A vascular port having mounted thereon a hole closure device according to claim 1.